GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1571
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DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT IN SSIS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the decline trend in employment in small scale industries like match-making, bidis, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) the alternate employment finalised by the Government for such declining sectors;

(d) whether any alternate policy is also being formulated by the Government for these sector; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING,DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The over all employment in Small Scale Industries(SSI) has been increasing. The employment in SSI Sector is estimated to have increased from 178.50 lakhs in 1999-2000 to 185.64 lakhs in 2000-01 and further to 192.23 lakhs in 2001-02. Specific industry-wise data particularly on match-making and bidis, which are mostly located in cottages and work as un- registered units are not maintained centrally. Surveys have been conducted by the Government on SSI Sector, however, they are inrespect of registered units only.

(c) to (e): Promotion and development of small scale industries which generate large scale employment opportunities is one of the major priorities of the Government. On 30th August 2000 the Prime Minister announced a Comprehensive Policy package for the promotion and development of Small Scale industries . The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation and these are applicable to all small scale industries including match-making, bidis etc.